

REMARKS

In response to the office action of November 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application. Please amend claims 9-11, 19, 20, and 23-25. Please cancel claims 1-8 and 12-18. Claim 21 was previously canceled.

Claims 1-8 and 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,915,893 to Miyanaga.

Claims 1-8 and 12-18 have been canceled.

Claims 9-11, 19, 20, and 22-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 9-11, 19, 20, and 23-25 have been rewritten and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. The subject matter of claims 1 and 2 has been included in amended claim 9. The subject matter of claim 3 has been included in amended claim 10 and the subject matter of claim 4 has been included in amended claim 11. Amended claim 20 includes the subject matter of claim 1 as does amended claim 23.

Claims 22 and 26 depend on claim 20.

Claims 24 and 25 depend on claim 23.

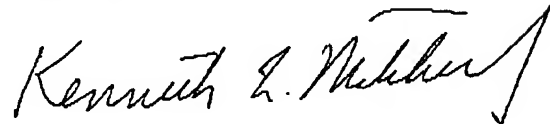
Reconsideration of claims 9-11, 19, 20, and 22-26 is respectfully requested.

The undersigned invites a telephone call from the Examiner if it would expedite the processing and examination of the application.

Please charge deposit account 23-3060 in the amount of \$100 for the payment of the fee associated with the presentation of an additional independent claim. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3060.

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